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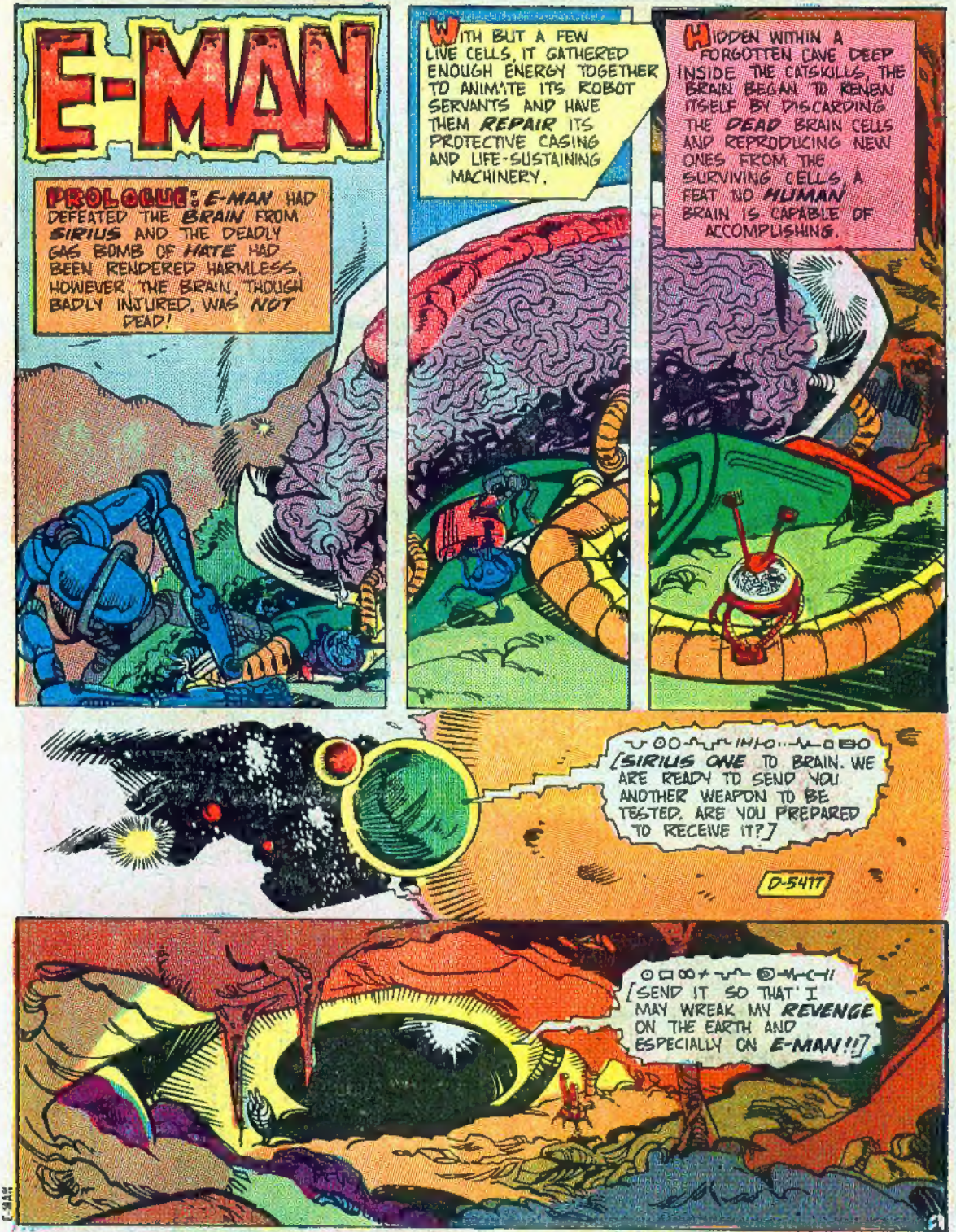
E-MAN
PROLOGUE: E-MAN HAD DEFEATED THE BRAIN FROM SIRIUS AND THE DEADLY GAS BOMB OF HATE HAD BEEN RENDERED HARMLESS. HOWEVER, THE BRAIN, THOUGH BADLY INJURED, WAS NOT DEAD!
WITH BUT A FEW LIVE CELLS, IT GATHERED ENOUGH ENERGY TOGETHER TO ANIMATE ITS ROBOT SERVANTS AND HAVE THEM REPAIR ITS PROTECTIVE CASING AND LIFE-SUSTAINING MACHINERY.
HIDDEN WITHIN A FORGOTTEN CAVE DEEP INSIDE THE CATSKILLS, THE BRAIN BEGAN TO RENEW ITSELF BY DISCARDING THE DEAD BRAIN CELLS AND REPRODUCING NEW ONES FROM THE SURVIVING CELLS, A FEAT NO HUMAN BRAIN IS CAPABLE OF ACCOMPLISHING.
[SIRIUS ONE TO BRAIN. WE ARE READY TO SEND YOU ANOTHER WEAPON TO BE TESTED. ARE YOU PREPARED TO RECEIVE IT?]
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[SEND IT SO THAT I MAY WREAK MY REVENGE ON THE EARTH AND ESPECIALLY ON E-MAN!!]
E-MAN

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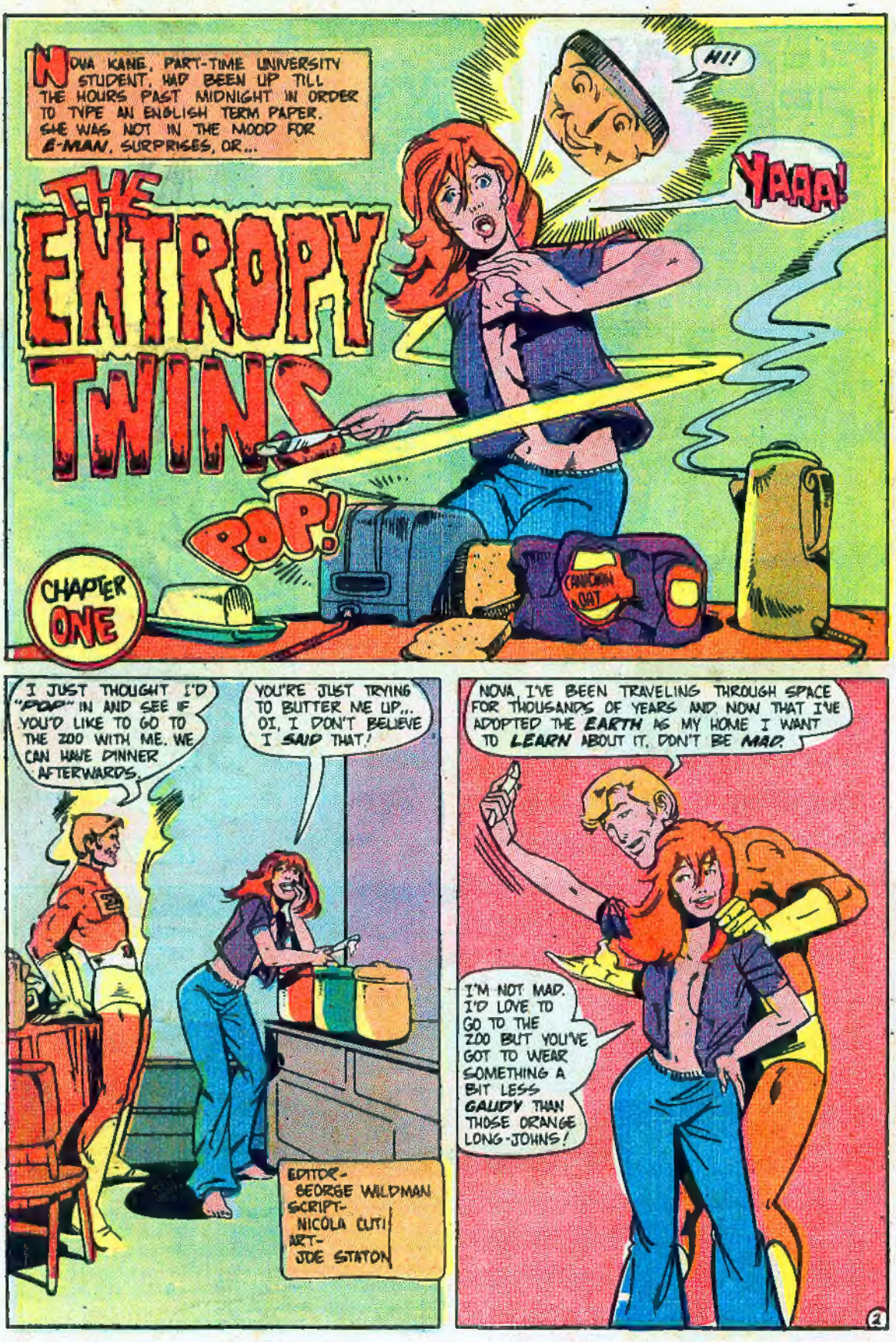
NOVA KANE, PART-TIME UNIVERSITY STUDENT, HAD BEEN UP TILL THE HOURS PAST MIDNIGHT IN ORDER TO TYPE AN ENGLISH TERM PAPER. SHE WAS NOT IN THE MOOD FOR E-MAN, SURPRISES, OR...
THE ENTROPY TWINS
HI!
YAAA!
POP!
CHAPTER ONE
I JUST THOUGHT I'D "POP" IN AND SEE IF YOU'D LIKE TO GO TO THE ZOO WITH ME. WE CAN HAVE DINNER AFTERWARDS.
YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO BUTTER ME UP... OI, I DON'T BELIEVE I SAID THAT!
EDITOR- GEORGE WILDMAN
SCRIPT- NICOLA CUTI
ART- JOE STATON
NOVA, I'VE BEEN TRAVELING THROUGH SPACE FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS AND NOW THAT I'VE ADOPTED THE EARTH AS MY HOME I WANT TO LEARN ABOUT IT. DON'T BE MAD.
I'M NOT MAD. I'D LOVE TO GO TO THE ZOO BUT YOU'VE GOT TO WEAR SOMETHING A BIT LESS GAUDY THAN THOSE ORANGE LONG-JOHNS!
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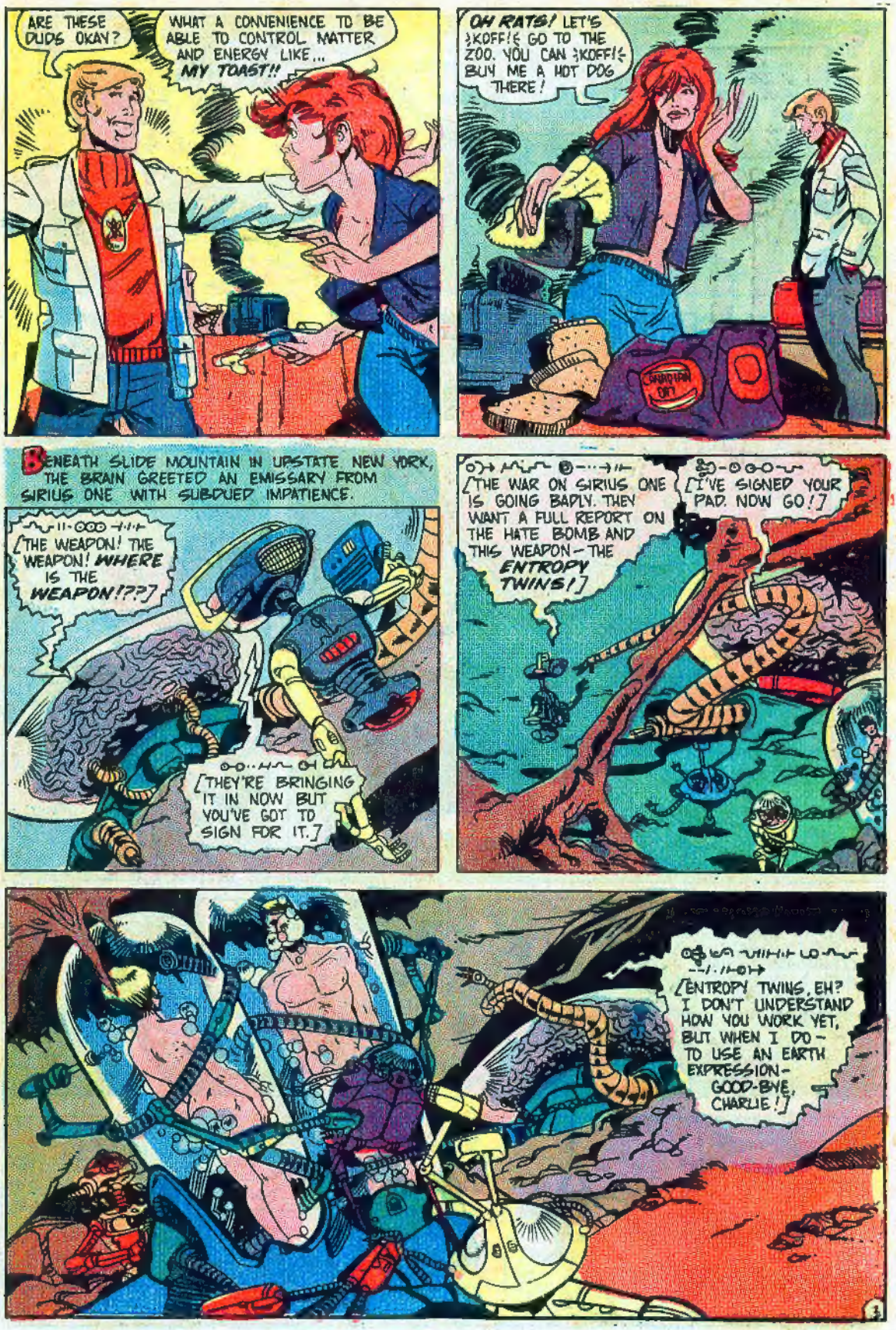
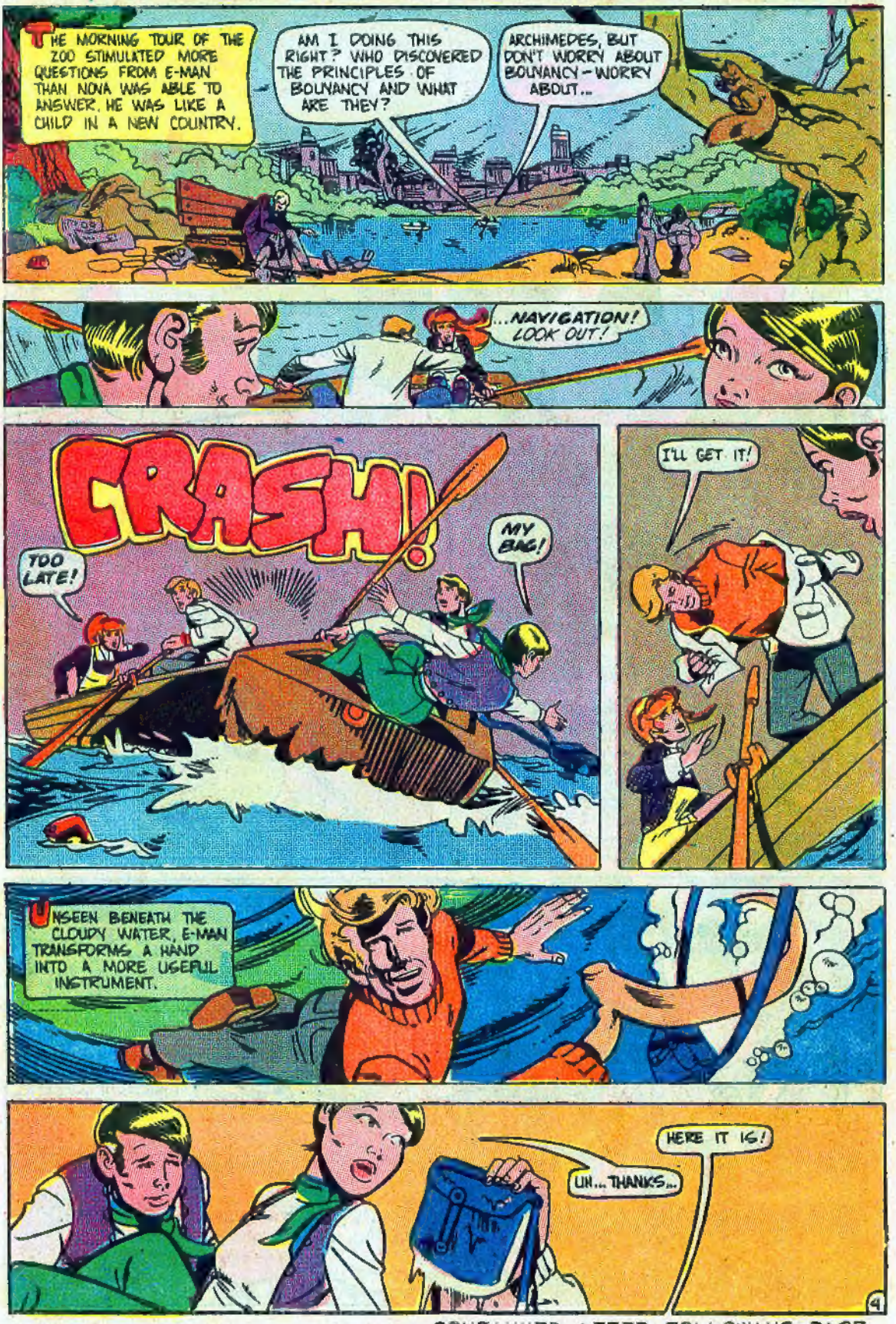

ARE THESE DUDS OKAY?
WHAT A CONVENIENCE TO BE ABLE TO CONTROL MATTER AND ENERGY LIKE... MY TOAST!!
OH RATS! LET'S ¦KOFF!¦ GO TO THE ZOO. YOU CAN ¦KOFF!¦ BUY ME A HOT DOG THERE!
WEAPON OFF
BENEATH SLIDE MOUNTAIN IN UPSTATE NEW YORK, THE BRAIN GREETED AN EMISSARY FROM SIRIUS ONE WITH SUBDUED IMPATIENCE.
[THE WEAPON! THE WEAPON! WHERE IS THE WEAPON!??]
[THEY'RE BRINGING IT IN NOW BUT YOU'VE GOT TO SIGN FOR IT.]
[THE WAR ON SIRIUS ONE IS GOING BADLY. THEY WANT A FULL REPORT ON THE HATE BOMB AND THIS WEAPON – THE ENTROPY TWINS!]
[I'VE SIGNED YOUR PAD. NOW GO!]
[ENTROPY TWINS, EH? I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW YOU WORK YET, BUT WHEN I DO – TO USE AN EARTH EXPRESSION – GOOD-BYE, CHARLIE!]


THE MORNING TOUR OF THE ZOO STIMULATED MORE QUESTIONS FROM E-MAN THAN NOVA WAS ABLE TO ANSWER. HE WAS LIKE A CHILD IN A NEW COUNTRY.
AM I DOING THIS RIGHT? WHO DISCOVERED THE PRINCIPLES OF BOUYANCY AND WHAT ARE THEY?
ARCHIMEDES, BUT DON'T WORRY ABOUT BOUYANCY - WORRY ABOUT...
...NAVIGATION! LOOK OUT!
CRASH!
TOO LATE!
MY BAG!
I'LL GET IT!
UNSEEN BENEATH THE CLOUDY WATER, E-MAN TRANSFORMS A HAND INTO A MORE USEFUL INSTRUMENT.
HERE IT IS!
UH... THANKS...
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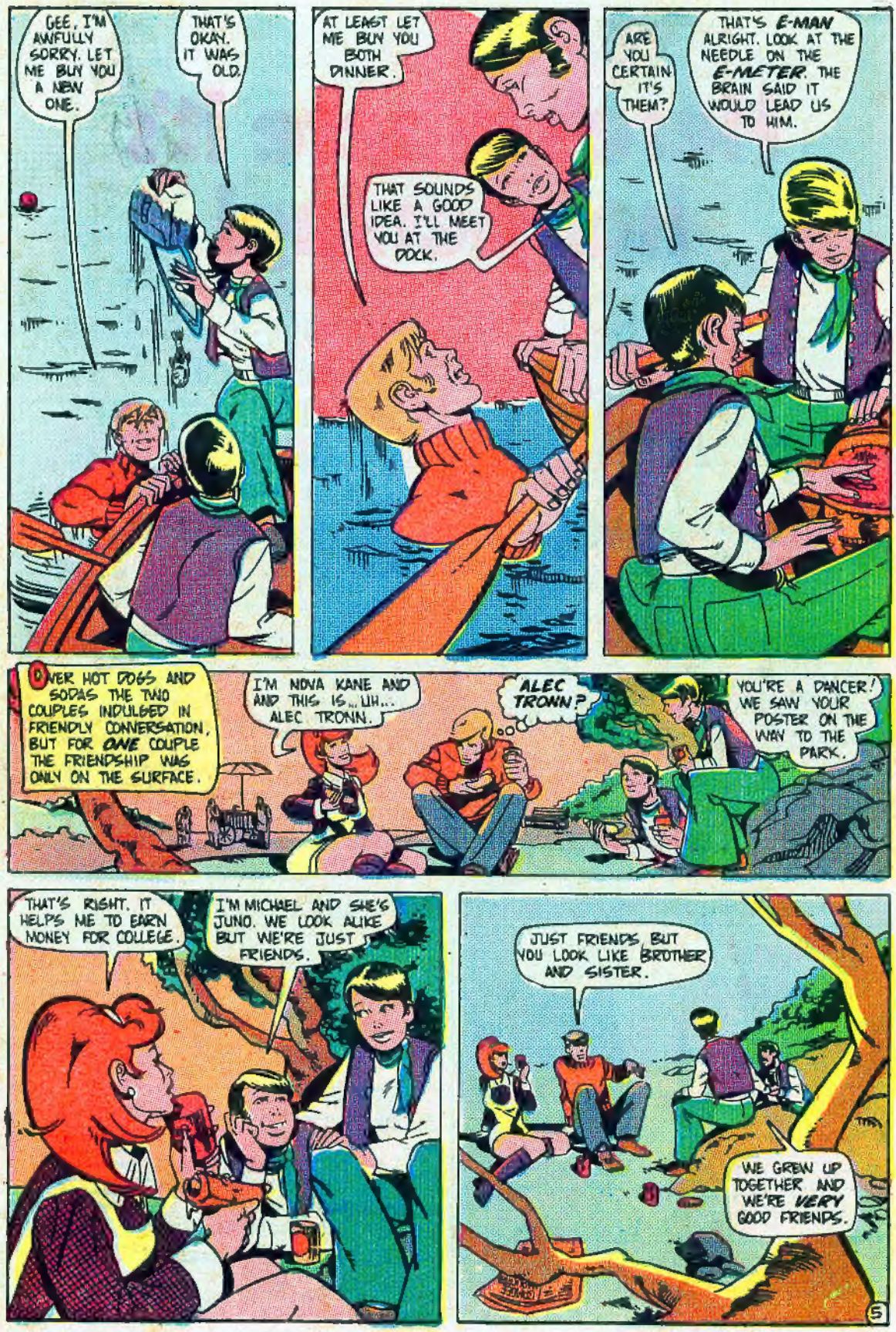
GEE, I'M AWFULLY SORRY. LET ME BUY YOU A NEW ONE.
THAT'S OKAY. IT WAS OLD.
AT LEAST LET ME BUY YOU BOTH DINNER.
THAT SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD IDEA. I'LL MEET YOU AT THE DOCK.
ARE YOU CERTAIN IT'S THEM?
THAT'S E-MAN ALRIGHT. LOOK AT THE NEEDLE ON THE E-METER. THE BRAIN SAID IT WOULD LEAD US TO HIM.
OVER HOT DOGS AND SODAS THE TWO COUPLES INDULGED IN FRIENDLY CONVERSATION, BUT FOR ONE COUPLE THE FRIENDSHIP WAS ONLY ON THE SURFACE.
I'M NOVA KANE AND THIS IS... UH... ALEC TRONN.
ALEC TRONN?
YOU'RE A DANCER! WE SAW YOUR POSTER ON THE WAY TO THE PARK.
THAT'S RIGHT. IT HELPS ME TO EARN MONEY FOR COLLEGE.
I'M MICHAEL AND SHE'S JUNO. WE LOOK ALIKE BUT WE'RE JUST FRIENDS.
JUST FRIENDS BUT YOU LOOK LIKE BROTHER AND SISTER.
WE GREW UP TOGETHER AND WE'RE VERY GOOD FRIENDS.
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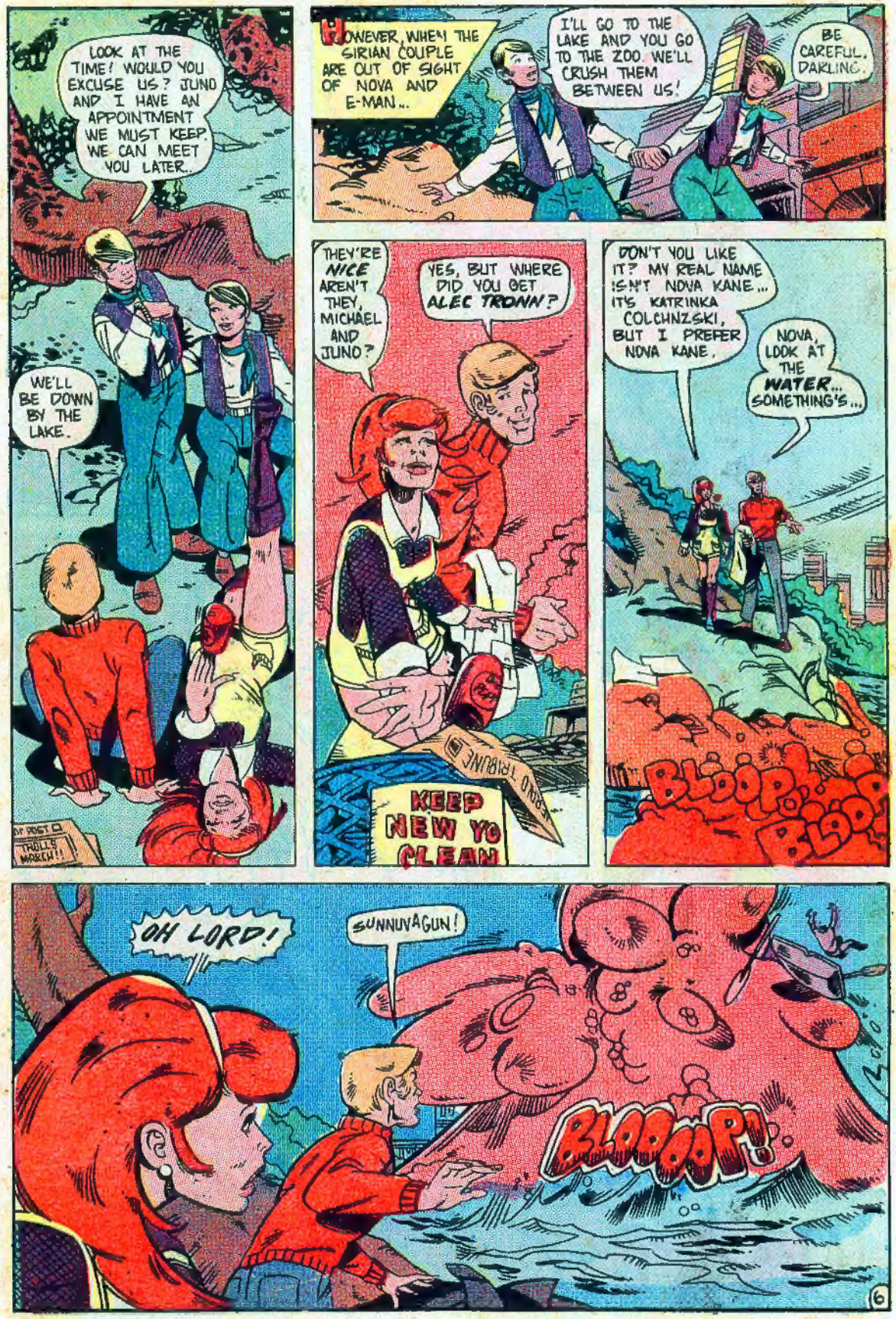
LOOK AT THE TIME! WOULD YOU EXCUSE US? JUNO AND I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WE MUST KEEP. WE CAN MEET YOU LATER.
WE'LL BE DOWN BY THE LAKE.
HOWEVER, WHEN THE SIRIAN COUPLE ARE OUT OF SIGHT OF NOVA AND E-MAN...
I'LL GO TO THE LAKE AND YOU GO TO THE ZOO. WE'LL CRUSH THEM BETWEEN US!
BE CAREFUL, DARLING.
THEY'RE NICE AREN'T THEY, MICHAEL AND JUNO?
YES, BUT WHERE DID YOU GET ALEC TRONN?
KEEP NEW YO CLEAN
DON'T YOU LIKE IT? MY REAL NAME IS N'T NOVA KANE... IT'S KATRINKA COLCHNZSKI, BUT I PREFER NOVA KANE.
NOVA, LOOK AT THE WATER... SOMETHING'S...
BLOOP! BLOOP!
OH LORD!
SUNNUVAGUN!
BLOOOOP!
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MAN, IT'S COMING ... US! DO ...METHING!
BACK TO MY WORKING CLOTHES!
POOF!
TRY TO DRIVE THAT GIANT GLOP INTO THE LAKE!
NZZ!
THAT'S NOT ONE GIANT AMOEBA, IT'S MILLIONS OF TINY AMOEBAS WORKING TOGETHER!
GLOB!
SAVE THE SCIENCE LESSON FOR LATER!
YOU'VE GOT ANOTHER PROBLEM! LOOK TOWARD THE ZOO!!
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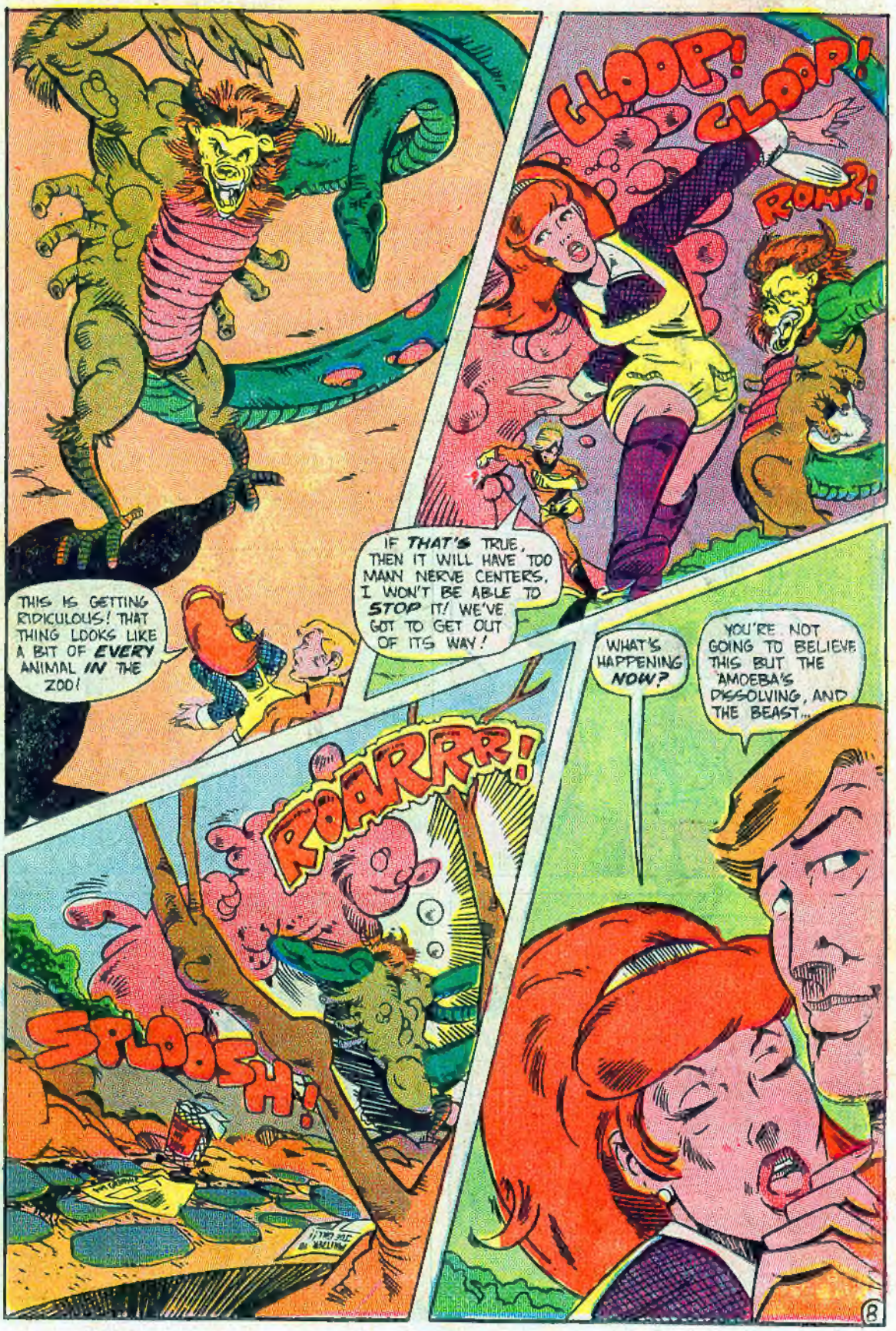
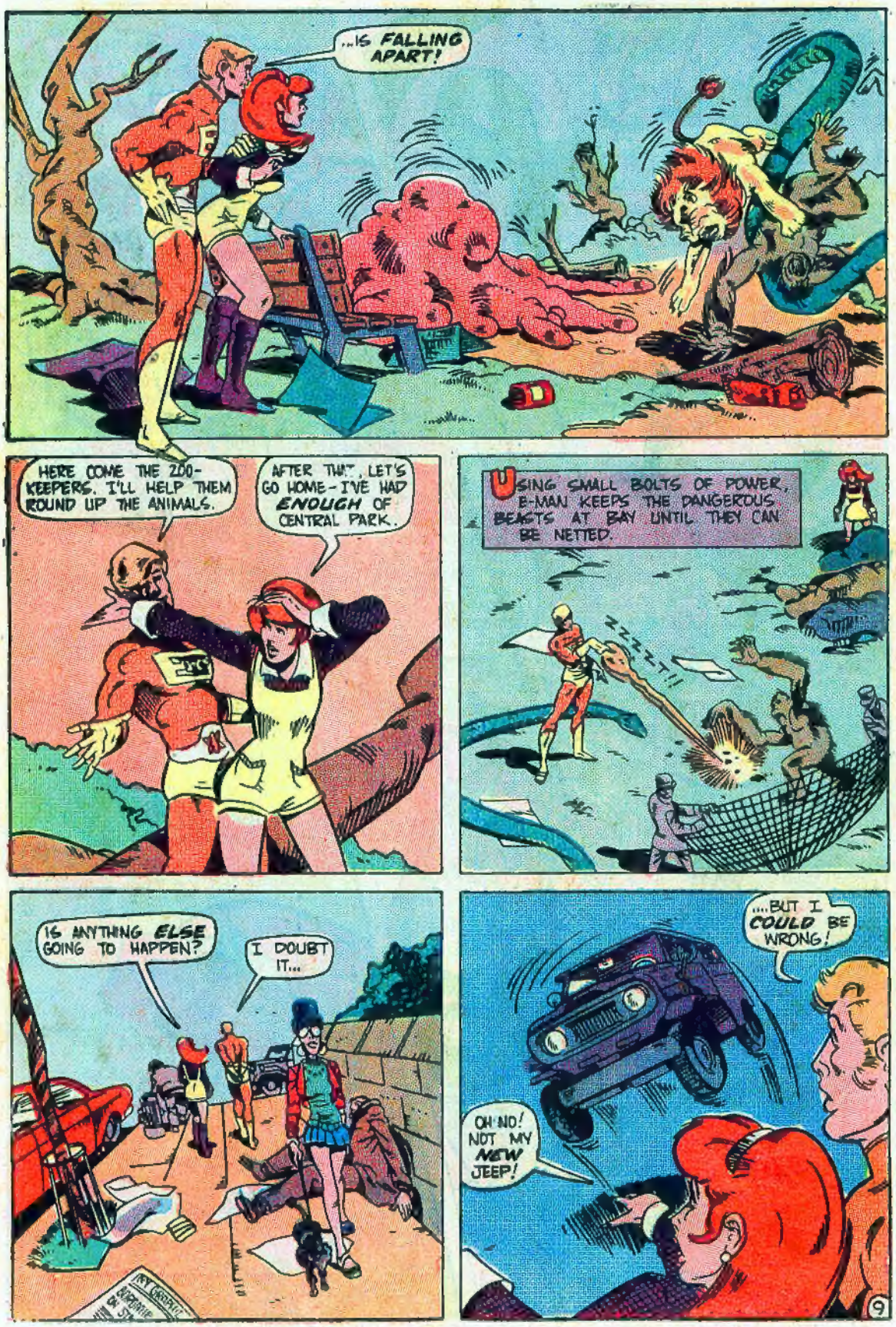

THIS IS GETTING RIDICULOUS! THAT THING LOOKS LIKE A BIT OF EVERY ANIMAL IN THE ZOO!
IF THAT'S TRUE, THEN IT WILL HAVE TOO MANY NERVE CENTERS. I WON'T BE ABLE TO STOP IT! WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF ITS WAY!
GLOOP! GLOOP!
ROAR!
WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BELIEVE THIS BUT THE AMOEBA'S DISSOLVING, AND THE BEAST...
ROARRR!
SPLOOSH!


...IS FALLING APART!
HERE COME THE ZOO-KEEPERS. I'LL HELP THEM ROUND UP THE ANIMALS.
AFTER THAT, LET'S GO HOME - I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF CENTRAL PARK.
USING SMALL BOLTS OF POWER, E-MAN KEEPS THE DANGEROUS BEASTS AT BAY UNTIL THEY CAN BE NETTED.
ZZZZZT!!
IS ANYTHING ELSE GOING TO HAPPEN?
I DOUBT IT...
....BUT I COULD BE WRONG!
OH NO! NOT MY NEW JEEP!
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CHAPTER TWO
THEY'RE CLINGING TO THE SKYSCRAPERS AS IF THOSE BUILDINGS WERE MAGNETS. WHAT'S HAPPENING?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT FIRST THE ANIMALS AND NOW THIS THERE SEEMS TO BE NO CONNECTION, BUT THERE MUST BE.. SOMEWHERE.
THAT GUN OVER THERE LOOKS LIKE MICHAEL..
THE GROUND IS SHAKING!!
SUDDENLY, THE EARTH DOES MORE THAN SHAKE!
HELP ME!
NOVA!
JUNO..WHA-?
NO TIME TO WONDER ABOUT JUNO.. GOT TO SAVE NOVA!
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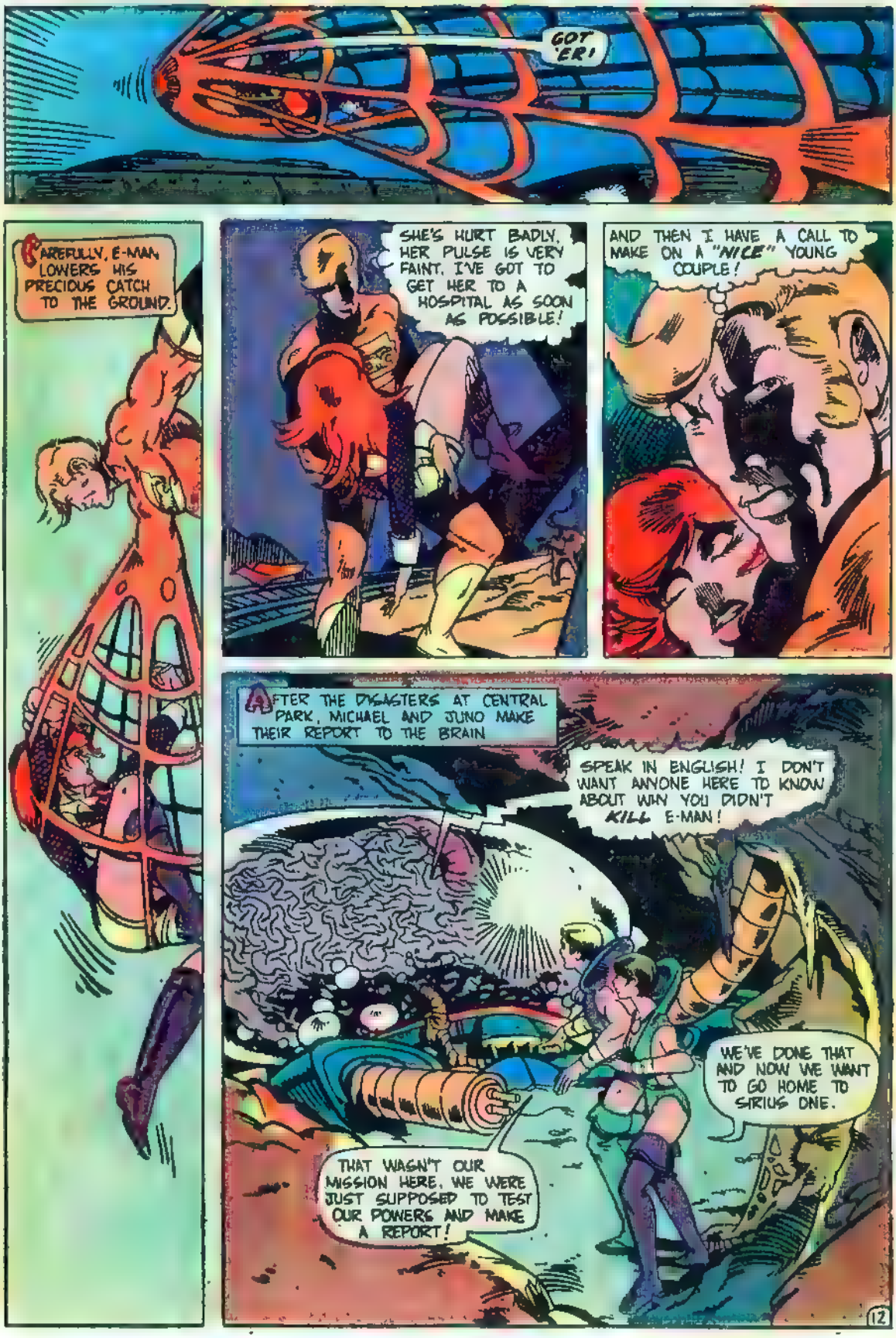
NOVA'S ON TOP OF THAT SUBWAY TRAIN. IF SHE FALLS OFF SHE'LL BE KILLED!
CHANGING BACK TO HIS NATURAL STATE OF ENERGY, E-MAN BEGINS HIS PURSUIT OF THE SUBWAY CAR.
THE THIRD RAIL IS MY ONLY HOPE OF REACHING HER!
WITHIN AN INSTANT, E-MAN BY-PASSES THE TRAIN...
I'LL SET UP A NET HERE IF I'M A SECOND WRONG THAT CAR WILL RIP ME TO SHREDS!
WATCH CAREFULLY, FELLAS AND MAYBE I CAN TEACH YOU A THING OR TWO
HERE GOES!


GOT 'ER!
CAREFULLY, E-MAN LOWERS HIS PRECIOUS CATCH TO THE GROUND.
SHE'S HURT BADLY. HER PULSE IS VERY FAINT. I'VE GOT TO GET HER TO A HOSPITAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
AND THEN I HAVE A CALL TO MAKE ON A "NICE" YOUNG COUPLE!
AFTER THE DISASTERS AT CENTRAL PARK, MICHAEL AND JUNO MAKE THEIR REPORT TO THE BRAIN
SPEAK IN ENGLISH! I DON'T WANT ANYONE HERE TO KNOW ABOUT WHY YOU DIDN'T KILL E-MAN!
WE'VE DONE THAT AND NOW WE WANT TO GO HOME TO SIRIUS ONE.
THAT WASN'T OUR MISSION HERE. WE WERE JUST SUPPOSED TO TEST OUR POWERS AND MAKE A REPORT!
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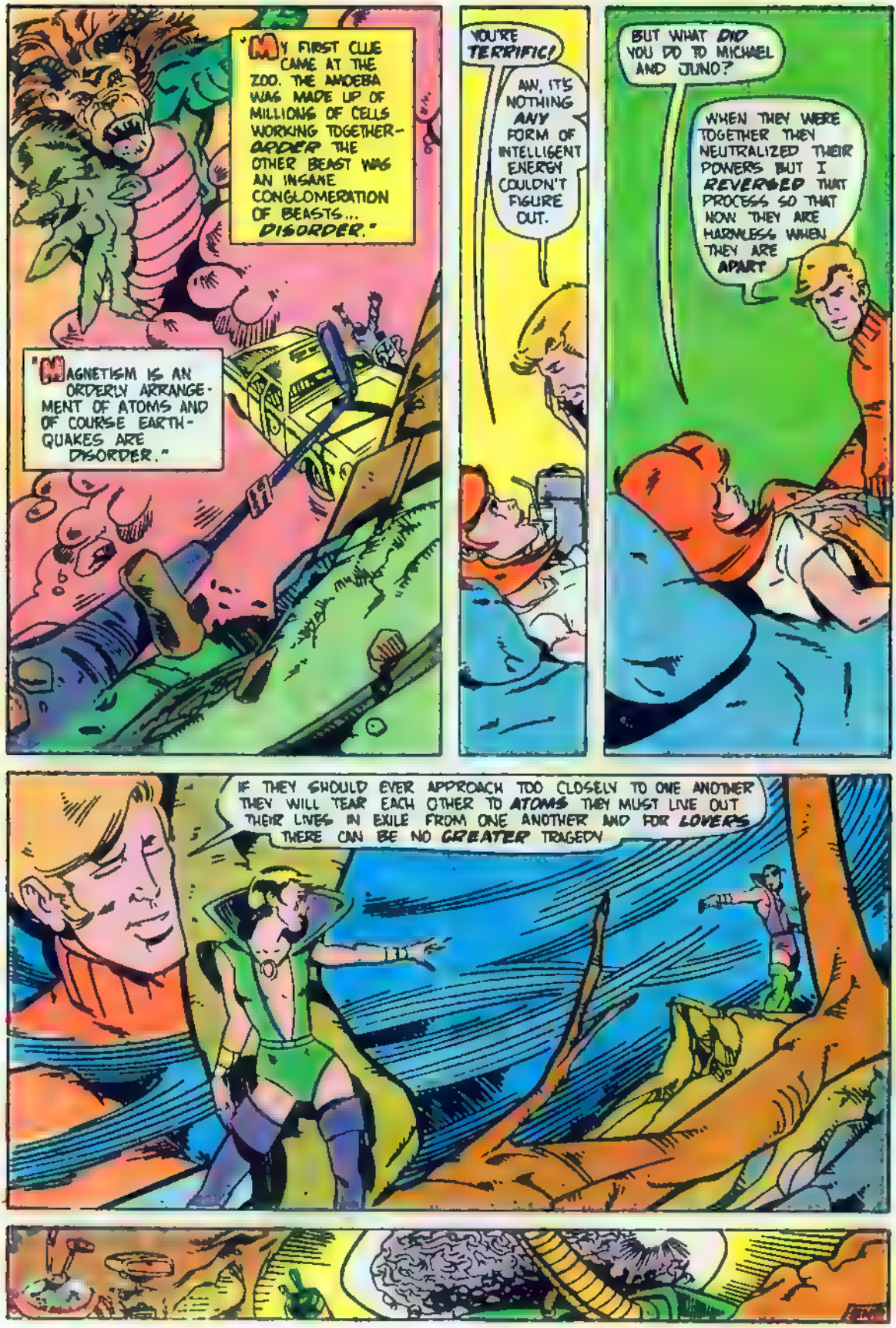
YOU WILL GO HOME WHEN I SEND YOU HOME AND THAT WILL NOT BE AS LONG AS E-MAN IS ALIVE!
BUT HE CAN TRANSFORM HIMSELF INTO ENERGY. YOU CAN'T DESTROY ENERGY!
YOU CAN! YOU ARE ENTROPY - THE TENDENCY TOWARD DISORDER. MICHAEL, YOU ARE ORDER, AND YOU, JUNO, ARE DISORDER. TOGETHER YOU CANCEL EACH OTHER'S POWERS BUT SEPARATELY YOU ARE EACH A DEADLY FORCE!!
YOU SEE, I KNOW ALL ABOUT YOU. I ALSO KNOW THAT JUNO CAN CAUSE E-MAN'S ATOMS TO SCATTER ACROSS THE UNIVERSE!
I WON'T DO IT!
NO, WE HAVE TO, OR WE'LL NEVER GO HOME!
WE AGREE. E-MAN WILL BE DESTROYED!
SEE TO IT... NOW!!
I DON'T LIKE THIS, MICHAEL. E-MAN IS POWERFUL AND HE'S ANGRY. YOU SAW HOW FOND HE WAS OF NOVA!
I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT HIM, SWEETHEART. I'M CERTAIN WE COULD DISRUPT THE EARTH IF WE HAD TO.
IT SEEMS LIKE RAIN LOOK AT THAT CLOUD.
IT DOES LOOK MENACING!

RRR-UMMBLL-E!!
BOOM!
E-MAN!
RUN, JUND! TOGETHER OUR POWERS ARE NEUTRALIZED!
NZZZT!
MICHAEL!
YOU'VE KILLED HIM, YOU MONSTER! YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THAT!

ARE YOU GOING TO KILL ME, TOO?
NOOOOOO!!!
ROOM ZB AT CENTRAL RECEIVING...
...SO YOU KILLED THEM!
OF COURSE NOT, BUT I CHANGED THEIR CHEMICAL COMPOSITION WHEN I FIRED MY ENERGY BOLTS INTO THEM.
HOW DID YOU KNOW WHAT THEY WERE?
I'VE RUN ACROSS THE FORCES OF ORDER AND DISORDER OFTEN ENOUGH TO RECOGNIZE THEM.


"My first clue came at the zoo. The amoeba was made up of millions of cells working together- ORDER the other beast was an insane conglomeration of beasts... DISORDER."
"Magnetism is an orderly arrangement of atoms and of course earthquakes are DISORDER."
YOU'RE TERRIFIC!
AW, IT'S NOTHING ANY FORM OF INTELLIGENT ENERGY COULDN'T FIGURE OUT.
BUT WHAT DID YOU DO TO MICHAEL AND JUNO?
WHEN THEY WERE TOGETHER THEY NEUTRALIZED THEIR POWERS BUT I REVERSED THAT PROCESS SO THAT NOW THEY ARE HARMLESS WHEN THEY ARE APART
IF THEY SHOULD EVER APPROACH TOO CLOSELY TO ONE ANOTHER THEY WILL TEAR EACH OTHER TO ATOMS THEY MUST LIVE OUT THEIR LIVES IN EXILE FROM ONE ANOTHER AND FOR LOVERS THERE CAN BE NO GREATER TRAGEDY
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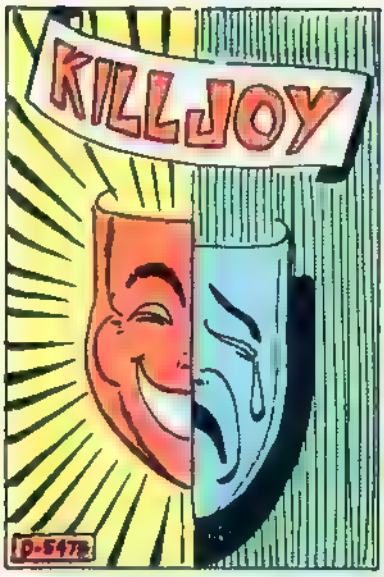
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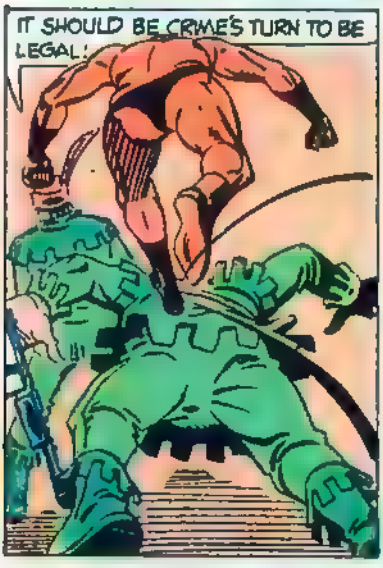
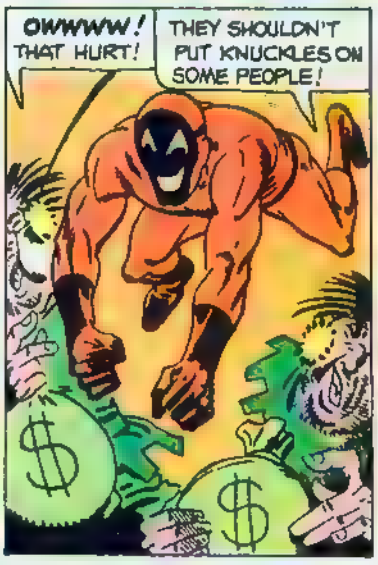
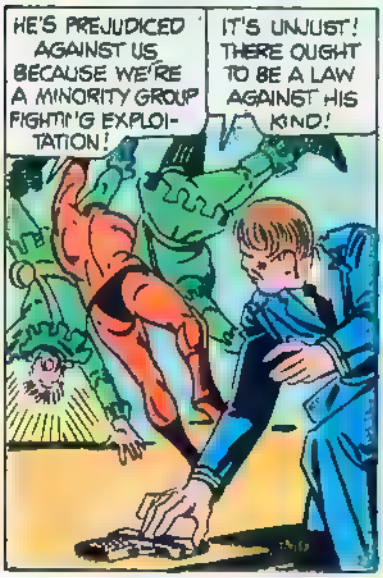
HO! HO! MERRY MEN, THIS IS OUR EIGHTH SUCCESSFUL NOBLE ACT OF AVENGING THE POOR!
ROBBER-HOOD... OOOF!
ALL WEALTH IS STOLEN! NOW IT'S THE HAVE-NOTS TURN! FRIAR MUCK, FAT JOHN, GIVE US A HAND!


IT SHOULD BE CRIME'S TURN TO BE LEGAL!


OWWWW! THAT HURT!
THEY SHOULDN'T PUT KNUCKLES ON SOME PEOPLE!

HEY! YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO INTERFERE! WE'RE LEGITIMATE HARD WORKING GUYS TRYING TO DO GOOD! WE ALSO HAVE RIGHTS.
OOOF!


HE'S PREJUDICED AGAINST US BECAUSE WE'RE A MINORITY GROUP FIGHTING EXPLOI-TATION!
IT'S UNJUST! THERE OUGHT TO BE A LAW AGAINST HIS KIND!

GEE, FELLA, WHY ARE YOU SO MAD AT ME!

WAH! IT'S NOT FAIR! THAT KILLJOY SPOILED MY PERFECT ESCAPE RECORD!
ONE GUY DISAPPEARS AND ANOTHER POPS UP?!
KILLJOY?! I'M ED GAB, REPORTER! WHAT HAPPENED?

TALK SENATOR! WHERE ARE THE SECURITY PLANS KEPT? TELL ME AND WHEN MY SECRET ARMY TAKES OVER THE COUNTRY, I WILL REWARD YOU. I'LL VOTE FOR YOU!
I'M NO TRAITOR, GENERAL 'DISASTER!'
BEING A NICE GUY TO CIVILIANS NEVER WORKS, YOU BAD GUYS MAKE ME USE TORTURE! WHA... PRIVATE! STAND AT ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY...YOU DISOBEY MY ORDER!?
BRING ON THE FIRING SQUAD! WHA!? I ORDER EVERYONE TO STOP THAT COSTUMED CIVILIAN!
NO CIVILIAN IS ALLOWED TO STRIKE AN OFFICER! OWW! THIS MEANS WAR!
NO LIGHTS! I ORDER LIGHTS ON
LISTEN?! WE'RE BEING INVADED! I ORDER NOBODY SURRENDER OOOF OWW! AAK!
WAH! IT'S NOT FAIR! HE SPOILED MY PLANS FOR CONQUERING THE WORLD! I HAVE A RIGHT TO BE A DICTATOR! SOB!
I'M AL ACE, COUNTER INTELLIGENCE! WE GOT A TIP, SENATOR!
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GULP! IT'S JUNGLE JAKE!
YOU BEASTLY ANIMALS KEEP YOUR PAWS RAISED WHILE MY MEN CAPTURE SOME WILD LOOT! GO ON, MEN!
YOU BEASTS STAY INSIDE...WHA?! YOU GUYS SAY WE'RE BEING ATTACKED BY A STRANGE UNCIVILIZED ANIMAL!?
GET HIM, LEO SHOW HIM WHO'S THE BETTER MAN!
OSCAR, DON'T LET THAT BEAST MAKE A MONKEY OUT OF YOU!
WATCH IT, HAROLD! THE BEAST IS CUNNING!
SLUG THAT SLIMY, SLIPPERY CREATURE, ALFIE!
YOU WILD BEAST, ATTACKING MY MEN, SPOILING OUR SAFARI ....IT'S UNCIVILIZED, INHUMAN....UNFAIR..OWW!
WAH! YOU'RE RIGHT, MEN! THAT BEAST SHOULD BE KEPT IN A CAGE!
I'M JUD LAH, A LAWYER VISITING A CLIENT! I DIDN'T SEE ANY COSTUMED MAN INSIDE!

WAH! IT'S UNJUST! KILLJOY'S RUINING THE CAREERS OF HARD WORKING CRIMINALS! THEY HAVE RIGHTS! WE HAVE TO HELP THEM....RAISE BAIL....HIRE LAWYERS...DEMAND CRIME BE MADE LEGITIMATE!
YOU'RE ALL HEART, MR HART! SOB
FOUNDATION TO PROTECT THE GUILTY FROM JUSTICE
WAH! IT'S CRUEL! WHEN CRIMINALS CAN'T PRACTISE THEIR PROFESSION! THEIR VICTIMS NEVER COOPERATE AND NOW THIS KILLJOY! IT'S TOO MUCH FOR DECENT MEN TO TAKE! SOB!
CRIMINALS ARE AS LAW-BIDING AS NON-CRIMINALS
FREE THE CRIMINAL* GUILTY— JAIL THE POLICE + THE VICTIMS
OUR FIRST CONCERN IS FOR THE GUILTY
WE NEED A UNION FOR HARD WORKING CRIMINALS
..FOR EVERY GUILTY VICTIM, THERE IS AN INNOCENT CRIMINAL
WE SUPPORT THE NEEDY GUILTY, DEMAND A GUARANTEED INCOME FOR ALL CRIMINALS REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR OR CREED
WAH! WE HAVE TO STOP GIVING CRIMINALS A BAD NAME! HONEST PEOPLE HAVE TO HAVE MORE RESPECT FOR CRIMINALS FEELINGS!
HE HAS $. WE WANT $. WE TAKE $
WAH! WE'RE TOO PREJUDICED! CRIMINALS DON'T LOOK DIFFERENT THAN ANYONE ELSE! OOOPS!
WE'RE HUMBLY SORRY, SIR...
MAKE CRIME ILLEGAL
...BUT SOME MEAN, GREEDY PEOPLE RESIST US...WON'T LET US HAVE OUR WAY!
OW! THEY'LL HAVE...OW! THE SAME..OW!..DECENT... OW!..INSTINCTS...OWW!
HA! HA! NICE GUYS!..THEY HAVE...GROAN!...RIGHT TO...GASP!..PURSUE OWN... OOH!..LIFE STYLE..GASP!. WITHOUT ANY...GROAN! INTERFERENCE...OWW!... GASP! .HA! HAH!
WHILE WE'RE ON BAIL, OUR JOY WILL BE TO KILL KILLJOY! I'M OF NOBLE NAME SO I'LL BE THE BOSS!
MILITARY MEN MAKE THE BEST RULERS, NOT CIVILIANS...I'LL BE THE LEADER!
NO, ME! I GOT JUNGLE EXPERIENCE! ME AND MY MEN KNOW HOW TO HUNT AND TRAP THE BEAST, KILLJOY!
I'LL HANDLE KILLJOY! FIGHT OVER WHO'S GOING TO BE KING OF CRIME BECAUSE...

BECAUSE I'M GOING TO BE THE QUEEN!
EXIT, THE EX-QUEEN!
A PLEASURE!
I'M THE FLAME, MY ENEMIES GET BURNED!
COMMAND US, YOUR LOYAL SUBJECTS, YOUR HIGHNESS!
COUNTESS, IS IT TRUE, THE ABDUCTORS TRIED TO KIDNAP YOU IN EUROPE? WILL YOU SEEK POLICE PROTECTION?
RIDICULOUS! MY HAIRDRESSER, SECRETARY AND I ARE HERE FOR A HOLIDAY!
WE ANSWER NO MORE STUPID QUESTIONS! WE GO!
YOUR CHAUFFEUR IS NO ABDUCTOR BUT HE STILL LOOKS SUSPICIOUS TO ME.
WE GO TO THE ESTATE!
ALL THE ESTATE GUARDS ARE OKAY BUT THEY STILL LOOK SUSPICIOUS TO ME!
WE GO TO THE HOUSE!
THE STAFF IS OKAY BUT THEY STILL LOOK SUSPICIOUS TO ME.
WE GO TO MY ROOM!
WE OPEN THE TRUNKS, I WANT TO CHANGE!
WE CHANGE AND GO TO WORK!
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THE ABDUCTORS! HELP!
WE DON'T NEED ANY HELP, COUNTESS! HA! HA! HA!
YOU SAVED ME, MY HERO!
Y-YOU'RE STILL ALIVE?! THAT'S UNFAIR...MEAN!
HOW COULD YOU BE SO CRUEL TO MAKE ME FAIL! DON'T YOU HAVE ANY DECENT HUMAN FEELINGS? WHY CAN'T YOU LET ME HAVE MY WAY?
SEE! WOMEN SHOULD LEAVE CRIME TO MEN!
WHAT DO YOU EXPECT FROM A CIVILIAN...
SEE WHAT YOU'VE DONE! I'M GOING TO BE MAD AT YOU IF YOU DON'T LET ME BURN YOU!
...FROM A SHE ANIMAL!
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I'LL SHOW HER HOW A MAN DOES IT!
EVERYONE GET THAT KILLJOY!

KILLJOY'S UNFAIR... NOT LETING ME BURN HIM!
HE'S GOT ME SO MAD!
FIRE!
WHEEEOOOOO
POLICE!
FLAME!? YOU'RE WANTED BY THE POLICE IN TWENTY COUNTRIES! THE REST OF YOU HAVE A LOT OF EXPLAINING TO DO!
SOB! WHY CAN'T WE HAVE OUR WAY?
NO SIGN OF KILLJOY BUT I'M BETTING HE SHOWS UP AGAIN!
WAH! HE BETTER NOT! SOB!
WAH! SOB!

Nick,

Saw the news about Charlton's new superhero, your creation; E-Man. While the concept sounds good, I can't help thinking that if E-Man is handled incorrectly it can turn out campy like the typical superheroes of the mid 1960's. (your own company's superheroes; Blue Beetle and Capt. Atom were fantastic under Steve Ditko, who was, in my opinion, your best artist then.) On the other hand, E-Man will have fantastic artwork by Joe Staton, who is now, in my opinion, your best artist. The book itself also has its positive values, such that (and I quote from your letter in RBCC #100): "one third of the story space will be devoted to a new super hero each issue"; this is good in the sense that you will find new writers, artists, and ideas; which will, hopefully, put Charlton into a quality super hero bracket.

Personally, I'm glad that Charlton is finally putting out new super heroes, I'm tired of going to the newsstand and seeing an over abundance of comedy titles! I wish for both you and your company the best of luck and success on all your future ventures. Things are finally picking up at Charlton; the second "age of Charlton" Amazing!

Onward and Upward!
Michael Canvel
Superstar Publications
Brooklyn, New York

(P.S. Superstar Publications is a fanzine firm no competition to Charlton!)

Success!

Sirs:

Congratulations on your re-entrance into the super hero field, with your character E-Man. I just saw an advance picture of the first edition's cover. (IN THE BUYERS' GUIDE FOR COMICS FANDOM). It is by far the most exciting thing to happen with Charlton in a long while. I hope the cover Logo picture makes it to the press, it adds a lot to the book. The art was fantastic also, and E-Man sounds like a truly different hero, let's see more. I've read very few of your comics lately, mainly because I'm a super hero nut and I'm glad there will be someone to present some new material in the stale comics industry. Best of luck with your new project.

Sincerely,
Brian Patton
Kingsport, Tenn.

Dear Nicola,

First off I want to thank you for sending me the advanced copy of "E-Man" which I had requested. In general I found it unique, exciting and amusing. The touches of Tongue-In-Cheek humor were just right. If you had any more humor in it the story would have been silly but that is one of the secrets for a successful product: The perfect balance of everything and you had that.

I had warned you that I was going to psychoanalyze your characters and the following is an excerpt from my paper.

"E-MAN: This new super Hero has gone the return route, the pendulum back swing, of the present super hero trend. Unlike the modern heroes who are hampered by such problems as conscience, ego, distrust and so on E-Man is relatively as innocent and shy as a youth just reaching puberty. He is witty, curious and slow to anger and slow to react to his girlfriend's affections but when endangered he acts without hesitation as if to say: "My cause is right because my heart is pure." He is tall, blonde, muscular, and boyishly handsome which forces the reader to be reminded of the dime novel heroes our fathers used to read about in their pre-adolescence.

Corny, certainly but why must we bring our heroes down to our level? They were created to be paragons of virtue and E-Man, perhaps, is one of the few paragons amid an influx of anti-heroes.

NOVA KANE: E-Man's girl friend, Nova Kane, is E-Man's exact opposite. She is purposely sexy (earning her living as an exotic dancer) and citywise but she is no gum chewing floosie. We easily excuse her risque profession because she dances only to earn money for her college education. She is, therefore, a sort of paragon herself the ultimate combination of beauty and brains.

Nova Kane is obviously a stage name and one which tags her with a cynical sense of humor characteristic of New Yorkers and out-of-towners who have become New Yorkers."

I hope that the analysis meets with your approval or amusement and if it is any consolation I am equally as frank with my insights of the other super heroes.

I wish you luck,
Frank Bianculli
Brooklyn, New York

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